



Anacortes Lutheran Church  
September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our prayers ascend for healing and for comfort for Pastor Benson and her family as she undergoes testing to determine treatment for a bile duct tumor. We are confident in the expertise of the medical team who will be working with her, and we are even more confident in God's abiding presence and power for her healing.

In the meantime, at Pastor Benson's request and with approval of the Council and the Synod Bishop, I will fill in as full-time Respite Pastor for as long as necessary. In the meantime, the Gospel work of the people of Anacortes Lutheran Church will go on.

We have a committed and competent team of leaders in all areas of ministry, from Church Council to Call Committee, teachers, worship and music leaders, office and program staff. We are especially blessed by the dedicated work of the rest of the church "ministers"—that is all of you who are part of our church family.

This month is the start of our church program year. Sunday School will begin on September 8 when we go back to two morning services, the Choir will sing at 10:30 worship, Thursday noon Bible study starts up on the 12<sup>th</sup>, planning is underway for Confirmation class, youth activities will continue, WELCA studies and gatherings have been planned, sewing and knitting and Tuesday prayer keep on serving. The work of the Call Committee for an Associate Youth and Family Pastor is making good progress. In short, our active, vibrant parish life will continue to flourish, with the help of God and all of us working together as we have always done.

I have always seen the fall as a kind of new year, a fresh start. As we enter into this season of Autumn and the beginning of our program year, let us review what we are spending time and energy on (having balance in life is essential for our health and happiness), and renew our commitment to love God with all that we have, with all that we are, and to love our neighbor in response to the gift of God's unconditional love for each of us.

May God richly bless you in this and every season of life.

Pastor Deborah Butler



## Fall Worship Schedule Begins

**Sunday, September 8**

**9:00 am & 10:30 am**

**Sunday School at 9:15 am**

If you have not registered for Sunday School, you can find the form on our website, church office or Welcome desk.

Join us in the Fellowship hall after each service for coffee, juice, treats & fellowship.

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### From the Treasurer... Lane Phelan; ALC Treasurer

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Our accounting reports reflect our budget through half the year. Our weekly average giving of approximately \$7,400 will not be enough to support a second ordained pastor.

**Our Goal for this year has been \$8,200 weekly.**

Through 27 weeks of the fiscal year, **we are currently at a net income of \$5,043.**

I have paid 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter benevolence giving of \$21,731.

The Council has made a commitment to honor our first fruit benevolence giving, just as we ask our members to give. If we are fortunate to have a qualified candidate for Youth & Family Pastor, it will take great discernment to prepare a financial salary package.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

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### Employment Opportunity: Part-Time Custodian Position Available at ALC

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Anacortes Lutheran Church is looking to hire an additional part time custodian. This Christian position is under the direction of the Church Council & Property Chairperson and is responsible for performing janitorial duties for Anacortes Lutheran Church and related areas. Quality customer service for the congregation is expected at all times. Knowledge or willingness to learn proper cleaning techniques is essential.

A job description & application is available in the church office. If you are interested in the job, please provide a resume with the application to the Church Office or email the Church Council Personnel Chair; Steve Richards at [stevenrichards@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenrichards@hotmail.com).

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### Love INC Financial Mentoring Classes

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Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

If you (or you and your spouse) would like to dig a little deeper into what the Bible says about smart household money management; AND if you would like to confidentially discuss your situation with a financial mentor who can help you put together a budget & plan for getting out of debt, then call Love INC as soon as possible 360-419-7061.

**Classes Begin:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019– March 2020

**At:** Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.

NOW is the time to get organized and begin to turn things around!

## Bible Studies & Small Groups

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We have several small groups for you to be a part of. Something for everyone! The doors are always open. Come and meet new friends in Christ.

- ♦ Join the **Men** of ALC on Tuesday or Thursday for a bible study! Bring your bible and a friend!
- ♦ **WELCA** (women of the ELCA) has three circles that gather on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for Bible study, fellowship, prayer and service

### Sewing Group

Meets Tuesdays at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall- When there is no Bible study circle or WELCA mtg.

- ♦ Cutting and sewing quilts and putting together kits for Lutheran World Relief

### Knitting Group

Meets the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm

- ♦ Knitting baby sweaters and hats that get put in the layette sets going to Lutheran World Relief.

### Prime Timers

- ♦ A Senior adult ministry that gets together for food, fun and fellowship. Open to those that are retired, going to be retired or hope to be.

## ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY **PRIME TIMERS**

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### Wednesday, September 4

**Pizza Lunch at Church-** \$5 (*bring your own drink*)

**& San Juan Airlines - Island Tour - \$105**

Reservations made & monies paid to

Dusenbury's **by Sept 1st.**

Conference Room #1 at 11:00 am

### Thursday, September 12

**Brunch at Church-** ABS 123 (School Starts)

Conference Room #3 at 10:00 am

### Wednesday, September 18

**Planning Meeting - 10/1/2019—5/31/2020**

Conference Room #1 at 1:00 pm

*Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk.*



## Property Report for July/August 2019 - Les Olsen; Property Committee Chair

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Next Property Work Party - Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019

- *July & August Work Parties were cancelled*

The Church survived Vacation Bible School. Some carpet cleaning will be needed.

***Thank You to all who Helped. It was Great to see 112 kids.***

Church:

- Flowers and lawn have been nicely care for and maintained. - ***Thank You!!***
- Cleaned around the church.
- Washed windows and the Office entrance.
- Lake Campbell Norwegian Cemetery is being reviewed by the State - Is it active, Y/N?

Legacy Endowment Committee:

- Change ceiling fans in the Sanctuary - ***In the works.***

Pre-School:

- Fencing in the playground is completed – Wheelchair ramp redo is complete –
- Back access will be concreted before school starts and new playground equipment is being built.

Items that need attention:

- Moss Control: North roof of the Education Bldg. and Steeple.
- Replace thermostat in the Fellowship Hall and Conference Room #1 to provide better heating control to the congregation, while maintaining energy accountability.



## Bible Studies

### MEN'S Tuesday Bible Studies

**Tuesdays at 11:00 am**

In Conference room #3

Led by: Hoagy Kerr

### MEN'S Thursday Bible Studies

**Thursday Mornings - 7 am**

In Conference Room #1

Led by: Boyd Veer

### Thursday NOON Bible Study

**Thursday - 12 Noon** (For Men & Women)

**Starts again September 12<sup>th</sup>**

In Conference Room #1

Led by: Pastor Deborah Butler

## Women's Bible Study Circles

**2nd Tuesday of the month, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Hannah Circle - 10:00 am**

Location: Conference room #3

Leader: Carol Olsen

Hostess: Faith Legan & Joanne Evans

**Ruth Circle - 10:00 am**

Location: Conference room #1

Leader: Bonnie Kerschbaum

Hostess: Adrienne Eidie

**Anna Circle - 6:30 pm**

Location: Conference room #2

Leader: Nancy Loftis

Hostess: Nancy Loftis

## Pillow Case Collection

For the month of October we will again be collecting pillow cases for local missions. There will be a box in the narthex to place your pillow cases.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will have a "Sew-A-Thon" Day starting at 9:00 am. We will have coffee, lunch and dinner together as we sew. Our goal is 500 pillow cases by the end of October. We will collect used cases, new ones and ones that we sew.

More information coming next month, don't forget to Save the date • Saturday, October 19th



*If you would like more information about WELCA groups call Jeaneen Brogan at 360 293 7829.*

## Sewing News

*We are serving the Lord with Gladness~*

We want to thank everyone for helping us collect items for our Lutheran World Relief shipment of

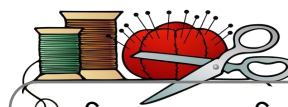
**Quilts, School kits, Personnel care kits, Baby care kits & Sewing kits.**

We couldn't do what we do without your help. Many people are Blessed by everything we send.

We are still in need of:

- **Bath towels** – dark colored, new or used
- **Flannel** - for diapers
- **Full size Bar Soap** - Dial, Lever 2000, Irish Spring, Ivory or Dove

*Thank you so Much!* Faith Legan & Julia Rogers



SEPTEMBER SEWING DAYS

Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>**

## Lutheran World Relief Knitting News

**Monday, September 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

In conference room # 1

Our church usually ships 100-150 layette sets, each 6 month period. One sweater/hat set goes in each layette. We use a fun, one piece sweater pattern.

Beginners are welcome & teaching is always available.

FALL shipment GOAL:

Hats 50-75

Sweaters 50-75

Sweater/hat sets 60-100

We have COMPLETED:

19 - Hats

0 - Sweaters

42- Sweater/hat sets.

I Hope to see you all

*September 16 at 1pm*

~Linda Anderson, 360-588-1730





## **Music & Sound System/Power Point Ministries at ALC**

If you are interested in or have questions about any of the following please contact Music & Choir Director; Laurie Julius-Carver at 360-293-0318 or [ljc@fidalgo.net](mailto:ljc@fidalgo.net)



All Ministries Potluck – Newcomers welcome!!

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall – of Anacortes Lutheran Church (ALC)**

All people who are involved in music, sound system and power point ministries and their families are welcome. Please bring your own plates, utensils & a potluck dish to share with everyone. Coffee & water will be provided. We will eat at 6:00 pm and choir will have its first rehearsal at approx. 6:45 pm.

This potluck is for all the ministries – choir, praise team members, people who provide special music for services, sound system/power point teams & the families. Please come, especially if you are interested in any of our groups!

ALC Choir - We need more members!

**Wednesdays – 6:30 pm starting on September 4<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the potluck)**

If you enjoy singing, please consider being a part of this ministry in our church. We have a lot of fun and great fellowship while we are rehearsing! We can work around schedules & traveling calendars! Our regular rehearsals start at 6:30 pm and are usually over by 7:45 pm. We do have a stair chair to take you up to the balcony if climbing stairs is a problem.

I Hope to see many new members at the All Ministries Potluck on September 4<sup>th</sup>! (details given above)

Sound System Team Needs Help! - High School/College students are welcome!

Thank you so much to our **current sound system team**: Jim Carver, Brian Hanrahan, Kenny Holzemer, Linda Milo & Mark Tanis. We need **MORE HELP!!!** Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. It is not difficult and usually each team member only has to do one or two services a month. You will be fully trained on how to run the sound system & can sit with a current member until you are comfortable doing it yourself.

Power Point Volunteers - High school age or older

We are looking for volunteers to run the power point presentation on Sunday mornings at the each service. All you would need to do is follow the lyrics on the screen and click forward when needed. We will set up the laptop for you or you can do it yourself. The power point presentation will be done and the sound person can always help if needed. If we can get 4 or 5 people to do this, you would only have to commit to one Sunday, one service a month!

Praise Team - We need vocalists, drummers and guitar players!

We are a fun group of people who learn and lead “contemporary” Christian songs for Praise Sundays. We usually practice 2 times a month and lead worship 1 - 2 times a month. If we had more people we could lead worship more often! Please prayerfully consider being a part of our Praise Team!



Bell Choir - Looking for a Leader

ALC has a wonderful set of bells and chimes that we are not using! We have people willing to play bells, but no one to lead the group! If you are interested in playing and/or leading please contact me!

# Children's Ministry News

## BACK TO SCHOOL—Sunday school that is!

September 8th will mark the beginning of our 2019 - 2020 Sunday school year. Sunday school will start at 9:15 am; right after the Children's sermon. With the exception of the first Sunday of each month where we have Communion at the beginning of the service. The kids will come upstairs right after they have participated in Communion.

## RED BAG Pantry

"A Simple Gesture" in collaboration with The Salvation Army-Anacortes are continuing to collect items for their Red Bag Pantries where anyone in need may go and pick up food & toiletries. Once again, we will be asking the children to bring canned or non-perishable food items as their offerings at Sunday school. Last year our collections dwindled from previous years. We hope to do better this year. The Red Bag program is thankful for the contributions the children have made.

## EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

The fall quarter, which includes September, October & November, has several events occurring. During the September Education Committee Meeting we will be discussing and determining a date for our annual Fall- All Church Swimming Party. Be watching for the posters to pop up and get your flippers ready. It will most likely be in October. Confirmation Sunday is also coming up in October.

## Sunday School TEACHING STAFF:

As of the writing of this article, we are still sorting out our teaching staff. The way it stands at this very moment,

Anne Hofferth (our 13 year veteran) & Lara Knowles will share teach our **preschool class**.

Stacey Pestar & Rebecca Eggleston will share teach **Kindergarten - First grade**.

Rachel Franulovich & Ginny Connolly will share teach our **second & third grade classes**.

Michael Hanes, Les Olsen, & Don Devine may share teach the **fourth and fifth grade classes**. *(Some of the afore mentioned positions have not been confirmed, but we are forever hopeful.)*

The Education committee is so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers that help our Sunday school program. To be a Sunday school teacher is an important calling. It is written: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*.

It is our Sunday schools goal to reinforce parents efforts to establish a good faith foundation in their children. With that in mind, we are still in need of teachers. We would like to have enough teachers to be able to share teach each grade group. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave White at 206-226-7182.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Please take time to enroll your children in Sunday school. We hope that we have made it a bit easier by inserting a pdf registration form on the church web site ([anacorteslutheran.org](http://anacorteslutheran.org)). You can also find the forms in the Narthex and outside the church office. By filling out a registration form you are helping us keep our records at the church up to date. We certainly appreciate your help with this important matter.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Sunday school. We are so proud of our students and our teachers.

Dave White  
Director, Children's Ministry  
206-226-7182



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
STARTS AGAIN  
September 8th at 9:15 am**

## Thank You from the HEART!

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, brought food, made visits to my home, made phone calls, and the many prayers during my recovery from my broken leg.

Blessings, Anne Hofferth



## Thank you Newsletter Work-Party

Each and every month, a Work "Party" is held to get our church newsletter collated, folded, labeled, and ready for mailing.

Many, many thanks to this very faithful and efficient group of ladies. You are appreciated more than you know. Your laughter & smiles bring joy to my day.

Hugs, Rachel



Drawing made by Mia Kennedy 11 yrs old



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

If you'd like to make Anacortes Lutheran your HOME Church or for more information on this subject, contact Pastor Butler or the church office.

## OCTOBER ~ **Usher** Schedule

|    |          |                               |
|----|----------|-------------------------------|
| 6  | 9:00 am  | Dan Khile & Win Thompson      |
|    | 10:30 am | Bill & Diane Gusa             |
| 13 | 9:00 am  | Boyd Veer & Larry Thompson    |
|    | 10:30 am | Paul & Julie Dusenbury        |
| 20 | 9:00 am  | Paul Phelan & Scott Soes      |
|    | 10:30 am | Wayne Olsen & Randy VanSweden |
| 27 | 9:00 am  | Chuck Landgraf & Bud Rock     |
|    | 10:30 am | Mike Bastrom & Rexanne Graham |

## OCTOBER **F.A.S.T.** Team #2

Leader: Anne Hofferth  
360-299-1418 / timanne @cnw.com

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Anne Barry           | Lorraine Kelly         |
| Diane Berglund       | Carleen Oldham         |
| Connie Bliss         | Paula Olson            |
| Grace Boggio         | Howard & Serena Partch |
| Lois Cassidy         | Egil & Inez Pedersen   |
| Jeanette Christensen | MaryBeth Pollard       |
| Adrienne Eide        | Jean Rogers            |
| Dorothy Engom        | Megan Angier-Ufkes     |
| Vera Jones           | Norm & Jan Vigre       |
| Gunilla Wold         |                        |

*Please, sign-up at the Welcome desk for when you are able to serve in OCTOBER*

## Worship & Fellowship Assistants

F.A.S.T. Leader #1 • Leader • Kathy Khile • 360-708-4093 / gallery@scottmilo.com

ALTAR Setup • Norma Knutson & Gunilla Wold

SOUND Team • Jim Carver, Brian Hanrahan, Kenny Holzemer, Dana McCoy, Linda Millo, Mark Tanis

POWER POINT Team • Michael Hanrahan, Anita Holzemer, Pat Carrie Smith



| September 1           |   | 9:30 am                             |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Acolytes:             | Talin & Camryn Kerr   |                                     |
| Ushers:               | Dan Khile & Tim Hofferth  |                                     |
| Greeters:             | Dan & Kathy Khile   |                                     |
| Readers:              | Win Thompson  |                                     |
| Communion Assistants: | Kathy Khile   |                                     |
| Coffee Serve/Cleanup: | Matt & Bonnie Kerschbaum  |                                     |
| Coffee Hour Treats:   | Kathy Khile & Bev Landgraf  |                                     |
| September 8           |   | 9:00 am                             |
| Acolytes:             | Regan Franulovich & Rowan Myers                                     | Micah Spehar & Joseph Pestar        |
| Ushers:               | Win Thompson & Paul Phelan  | Les & Carol Olsen                   |
| Greeters:             | Matt & Bonnie Kerschbaum  |                                     |
| Reader:               | Lane Phelan   | Carol Olsen                         |
| Communion Assistants: | Lane Phelan   | Melanie & Bill Sahnnow              |
| Coffee Serve/Cleanup: | Vicki Stowe   | DeAnna Claus                        |
| Coffee Hour Treats:   | Vicki Stowe & Nancy Loftis  | DeAnna Claus                        |
| September 15          |   | 9:00 am                             |
| Acolytes:             | Breann & Reese Morgenthaler   | CJ & Carter Eggleston               |
| Ushers:               | Larry Thomas & Scott Soes   | Bill & Diane Gusa                   |
| Greeters:             | Linda Braski  | Carol & Les Olsen                   |
| Reader:               | Pat Carrie Smith  | Carol Olsen                         |
| Communion Assistants: | Kathy Khile   | Carol & Les Olsen                   |
| Coffee Serve/Cleanup: | Dan & Kathy Khile   |                                     |
| Coffee Hour Treats:   | DONUTS– Free Will Offerings accepted to offset the cost of purchase |                                     |
| September 22          |   | 9:00 am                             |
| Acolytes:             | Tristyn Connelly & Regan Franulovich                                | Persephone Pestar                   |
| Ushers:               | Rich Berentson & Boyd Veer  | Wayne Olsen & Randy VanSweden       |
| Greeters:             | Jane Salnick  | Jane Salnick                        |
| Reader:               | Pat Carrie Smith  | DeAnna Claus                        |
| Communion Assistants: | Kathy Khile   | Lois Cassidy & Dave White           |
| Coffee Serve/Cleanup: | Kathy & Dan Knile   | DeAnna Claus                        |
| Coffee Hour Treats:   | Nancy Loftis, Kathy Khile & Jane Salnick                            | Nancy Loftis & DeAnna Claus         |
| September 29          |   | 9:00 am                             |
| Acolytes:             | Ethan & Kaylee Lust   | Madden Nation-Pearson & Joey Pestar |
| Ushers:               | Kenny & Anita Holzemer  | Kathryn & John Parker               |
| Greeters:             | Kathy & Dan Khile   | Peggy & Dave White                  |
| Reader:               | John Parker   | Anne Barry                          |
| Communion Assistants: | Kathryn Parker & Vicki Stowe  | Anne Barry & Dave White             |
| Coffee Serve/Cleanup: | Vicki Stowe   | Peggy White, Kathryn & John Parker  |
| Coffee Hour Treats:   | DONUTS– Free Will Offerings accepted to offset the cost of purchase |                                     |





## SEPTEMBER Birthday Blessings To You!

|    |                   |    |                       |
|----|-------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Daneva Baker      | 15 | Maxine Greenfield     |
| 1  | Rich Berentson    | 15 | Michael Phelan        |
| 1  | Jerika Duquaine   | 17 | Jeffrey Radke         |
| 1  | Chris Franulovich | 17 | Aiden Ufkes           |
| 2  | Brooke Geffe      | 18 | Linda Millo           |
| 2  | Teresa Chang      | 19 | Silas Anderson-Graves |
| 3  | Karen Elling      | 19 | Hildy Radke           |
| 8  | Romany Kerr       | 20 | Rory Coyne            |
| 8  | Mirth Moore       | 21 | Elyse Etlitcher       |
| 10 | Floyd Dent        | 22 | Pastor Deborah Butler |
| 10 | Brian Mavar       | 23 | Kirstin Fors          |
| 10 | Mike Salnick      | 23 | David Holzemer        |
| 11 | Eve DeFrancesco   | 23 | Matt Kerschbaum       |
| 11 | Arlene French     | 23 | Chris Long            |
| 11 | Kenzie Pettersen  | 23 | Loraine Sund          |
| 12 | Jorgina Moore     | 24 | Rachel Long           |
| 13 | Robert Collin     | 25 | Vicki Long            |
| 13 | Polly Meyers      | 26 | Gwendoline Thompson   |
| 13 | Rowan Meyers      | 27 | William French        |
| 13 | David Moore       | 27 | Dylan Piacentino      |
| 14 | Wanda Rock        | 28 | Mathew Tracy          |
| 15 | Jay Butler        | 30 | Allison Sherman       |



## SEPTEMBER Wedding Anniversary!

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|----|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Jerry & Jan Woodall           |
| 6  | Bryan & Linda Walker          |
| 7  | Kenny & Anita Holzemer        |
| 7  | Lori & Jeff Hrovat            |
| 8  | Pastor Deborah & James Butler |
| 8  | David & Karen Elling          |
| 14 | Kim & Mike Trafton            |
| 17 | Janey & Duane Dent            |
| 18 | Jeanne & Chris Anderson       |
| 18 | Shelly & Pete Pettersen       |
| 20 | Romany & Kyle Kerr            |
| 20 | Bev & Chuck Landgraf          |
| 20 | Melanie & Bill Sahnaw         |
| 21 | Kristen & David Downs         |
| 24 | Stephanie & Tom Poor          |
| 28 | Deneva & Josh Baker           |



Goodie Lorentzen  
August 24, 2019

## August Worship Attendance

| Date | 9:30 am | Nursery | Total |
|------|---------|---------|-------|
| 4    | 164     | 3       | 167   |
| 11   | 164     | 6       | 170   |
| 18   | 150     | 1       | 151   |
| 25   | 155     | 3       | 158   |



Welcomed August 11th

Arlene & Bill French

Penelope & Mark McCaughan

Erin Flanigan

## ALC COUNCIL MINUTES – August 8, 2019

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**Attended:** Bill LeDuc, Pastor Benson, Lane Phelan, Melanie Sahnaw, Ginny Connelly, Rachel Franulovich, Earl Gibbons, Faith Legan, Steve Richards & Karen Tavalero

**Absent:** Dave Bjornson, Jo Rockwood, Kathy Khile & Les Olsen

Bill LeDuc called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and started with a Prayer.

**Presidents Report:** Reviewed minutes from last month. M/S/P.

**Pastors Report:** Wanted to thank the helpers in the kitchen for VBS, Great success. Sad to report the passing of Goodie Lorentzen. Pastor asks the we lift-up the Ministry Fair September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurers Report:** Lane gave report that we are not quite meeting our budget goal. We still need to be diligent about our giving to equal \$8200 a week to be on track. Lane will put out 3 separate notes to the congregation. M/S/P

**New Business:** We need to form a committee to review some changes needed in the Constitution, this will take some time to do it correctly. At the October meeting we need to discuss being a Sanctuary Congregation?? November 2<sup>nd</sup> the new Bishop will be installed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Seattle, everyone is welcome. We want to add the Preschool to our Budget but as a separate entity.

**Old Business:** We are still in need of a Scholarship Committee. VBS went really well, thank you everyone that helped out. The call committee met with the Bishop and we have a candidate to interview the end of August. Pastor said: We can't cut our way to get a new pastor we have to grow!

**Personnel Report:** Steve is working on finding and hiring a new janitor. He is getting a jump start on contracts.

**WELCA Report:** Bible studies start again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Faith said that it has been requested that we get hi rise faucets in the kitchen and that WELCA will pay up to \$300 to purchase them. October will be the quilt blessing. We will have a pillow case sew-a-thon on October 19. Thank you everyone for the donations of school supplies, the bath towels and bath size soap for Lutheran World Relief.

**Education Report:** VBS had 112 kids, 28 jr. leader volunteers & 48 adult volunteers. September 8<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Sunday School.

**Outreach Report:** Karen says that they are keeping up with the home bound. It's time to start working on the All Saint's Luncheon. Outreach wants to revamp how the prayer chain will work.

**Property Report:** Kenny, Les and Bill L. have worked on the Lake Campbell Norwegian cemetery clean up. Les is working with people in Olympia.

**Fellowship Report:** No report.

**Youth Report:** The 456 Club had planned a bike ride to Padilla Bay but was cancelled for lack of participation. We have 11 kids signed up for the water slides. We have the acolyte schedule through September. The Scouts have a picnic planned at Washington Park, they have a Fire Mountain Day Camp coming up and Chief Seattle Camp for Scouts moving up to Boy Scouts. We have 3 new families start worshiping at ALC in the last year from Scouts.

**Preschool Report** Maggie reports that one Preschool in town has closed it's doors so we are expanding to have a second session in the Fall and is filling fast. They are looking for another teacher to fill 3 days a week in the afternoon. Parent Orientation is Aug 28 & 29. Morning class will be 9-11 & afternoon 12:30 to 3:30. They get scholarships 2 times a year from the Anacortes School Foundation. They will have to be licensed to have the STEM Program back. Maggie has completed the next budget.

**Stewardship Report:** No report.

**Worship Report:** No report.

***The next Council meeting is September 12th at 6:30pm***

Bill lead the Lord's Prayer and closed the meeting at 7:45pm

Blessings, Melanie Sahnaw; Council Secretary

Our friend Bishop Anthony, from Uganda is visiting us again this year!

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**Come to church Sunday, September 1st** to see Kenny Holzemer's presentation of the good work the bishop has done with the gift our Endowment Committee offered to him last year. He will arrive on September 3rd, and will worship with us on the 8th, staying through the month of September.

If you can help by offering local transportation for Bishop Anthony, please call Kenny at (360) 333-7712.

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## Selah's Sacred Space

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Dear Partners,

Once a quarter, Jeff Johnson, a member of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, leads worship at Josephine for our residents. The service is named a *Selah Service* (you may recognize the word "selah" from the end of several Psalms). I am so grateful for Jeff's partnership with us. As Jeff leads the *Selah Service*, a wonderful sacred space is created for our residents through the contemplative songs, inviting prayers, and even times of silence.

This sacred space cannot be needed more in the often anxious times of our residents. We are invited to rest in God's arms, listen to God's promises, and be molded by the Spirit. I am so grateful for this wonderful gift that Jeff offers to us!

Do you have a gift you'd like to share with our residents? You don't need to be able to be well-versed in liturgy or know how to compose music like Jeff does—it can be a unique gift from your very own passions. It also doesn't need to be a daily or even weekly commitment. Jeff is here once a quarter, at the moment, and offers a welcomed different voice and space to complement our weekly worship services. Let us know what you or your congregation might like to share—we'd love to have you!

Warmly, *Chaplain Andy Yee*  
*Director of Spiritual Care*



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Flowers on the altar may be provided on a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone. To do so please sign up on the Flower chart that is posted on the door in the Narthex next to fellowship hall or by calling the church office 360-293-9586.



If you have a prayer request or an update for the "Prayer List" please call the church office. If you would like to join Peggy White on the "Prayer Team" that meets once a week to pray for those on the list please contact her at 360-299-1184

# Bishop's Message

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From Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

*The Spirit* – September 2019



On August 3, as I prepared to fly to Milwaukee for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, I looked out the airplane window at Mt. Rainier and thought, “Wow! Is there anything more spectacular?” And, I admit, I also thought, “I have so much work to do right here in the synod, why do I have to leave for a week?”

On August 12, as I prepared to leave Milwaukee to return home, I looked out the airplane window at Lake Michigan and thought, “Wow! I am both so proud of our church and also so aware of how much further we have to go!”

I hope that you were able to follow the Assembly in real time by watching the livestream. But even if you weren't able to follow the assembly in real time, I encourage you to read about the people elected, the motions that were passed, experience the worship, and hopefully, enter into the joy that happens when we are *church together* (which was the theme for this year). It truly was a blessing to be with over 1000 Lutherans as we did good and hard work this past week.

In the coming months I will reflect more on some of the motions and actions that happened at the Churchwide Assembly. But here are a few thoughts as I return home. We are connected to a deep and broad community throughout the United States. We are people of different ethnicities, cultures, colors, sexualities, and genders. We are young and old. We are from blue and red states. We are people who are Lutherans from birth and we are people who embraced the Lutheran lens of Christianity later in life.

We are a people who are listening to God's call to embrace all people, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable. We are a people who ask forgiveness when we mess up and we are a people of grace. We are a people who march against unjust laws and we are a people who sing of that promised day when all will be made right. We are a people who ask many questions and we are a people who reflect on words spoken. We are a people who try (as best we can) to follow Robert's Rules of Order and we are a people who laugh when no one can figure out the rabbit hole we have gone down as we attempt Robert's Rules of Order. We are a people who sing old and well-known hymns with gusto and we are a people who embrace new words and new melodies in this new day.

In short, we are people of God. We don't always get it right. We don't always agree. But God's Spirit was present and active in Milwaukee just as God's Spirit is present and active in your congregation, in the Northwest Washington Synod, and in the wider ELCA. I am confident and excited about what is next for us and for the entire ELCA.

As we heard throughout the assembly, *Together we are Church*.

If you would like to know more about the actions taken by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, you can follow this link: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8003>

Grace & Peace,

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



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